

Blue boxes need sorting out

By Katherine Hayes

Although early progress reports on the recycling project are encouraging, some problems have arisen, said Barry Milner, manager for physical resources, Doon campus.

"Staff and students are getting into the spirit of recycling. But we need to make sure that they sort properly," said Milner on March 12. Garbage and other non-recyclable material is finding its way into some of the recycling containers.

The co-ordinators of the recycling project have worked out a color scheme for the 55 recycling stations at Doon. Green signs indi-

cate newsprint; blue signs are for pop cans; white means fine paper; and yellow is for glass. The photo that appeared in Spoke last week, showing items all mixed together, would be acceptable for a home recycling box, but won't work on campus.

Fine paper boxes, for example, should contain only fine paper. Yellow sticky notes will ruin the collection. Also, the packaging around paper packages is not fine paper. It should go into the garbage.

One other problem that Milner would like to head off as soon as possible is the appearance of recycling material that people have brought in from outside the cam-

pus.

Physical resources said their budget can't cover the labor and bulk costs of processing that material.

The recycling project is trying to reduce the weight of the garbage by half, and then use the \$12,000 saved to pay for the more cost-predictable and environmentally friendly recycling program.

Milner said the project is going according to plan. "I don't expect overnight success. But I do expect success," he said.

Requests for boxes, or any other recycling suggestions can be directed to Carol Pease in Physical Resources.



Wild wall art

Civil engineering students now have one of the most dolled-up classrooms on Doon Campus. This mural depicts a bridge to represent the engineers, and a condor for everyone else. You can see this mural by dropping by room 2A28 in the engineering

(Photo by Angie Hill)

Charge it



Students now have options to increase their learning, and their debt load, right on campus.

(Photo by Nicole Isard)

By Nicole Isard

A new and faster way to register for continuous learning programs has arrived.

Now programs can be paid by Visa and Mastercard, and requests for programs can be made by facsimile.

Previously, the only way a student could register for courses was in person, or by send-

ing a form by mail. Payments could only be made by cheque, cash, or money order.

The new methods for continuous learning were opened to the general public on March 4, 1991.

"It's a service to students, and it's more convenient," said Vanda Kelly of the Centre for Continuous Learning.

Waterloo Campus elections are underway

Paul Griffin – for president

Roger Ewe – for president

Rosemary Woo – for president

By Judy Willan



Some students may recognize Paul Griffin as one of the Waterloo Student Association's bartenders. Others may remember him as the man behind the drums during a Tuesday night jam session at Phil's Grandson's Place or Wednesday nights at Pop the Gator. Music is one of the 26-year-old Griffin's passions while food and beverage is the other.

He is a first-year food and beverage management student at Conestoga and is running for the position of president in the election of the new WSA executive. He volunteers his time to help out around the campus whether it is for the WSA, teachers or fellow students.

Griffin may have been out of school for nine years but he comes back with the knowledge of what it takes to be a leader and a manager. Being elected president would be one more stepping stone for Griffin to prepare him for an eventual management position back in the work force. "It would be more experience while at school on a less demanding level," said Griffin. "There would not be all the pressures of society and business, but it still has a level of responsibility. It is something I've never done before, a challenge. I'm one for a challenge."

Griffin has worked in and out of the hospitality industry as well as in a factory, doing landscaping, gas station attendant and in the retail sector.

Ideally he would like to work at a place like the Holiday

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By Judy Willan



It is a Friday night and East side Mario's on Fairway Road, Kitchener is busy. The sandy blonde, gold-rimmed, blue-eyed, 22-year-old waiter is Roger Ewe. A smile greets the customers as he prepares to take their orders.

He works most weekends and sometimes during the week. The rest of the time, he is a first-year Conestoga College student enrolled in the food and beverage management program at the Waterloo Campus. Ewe is campaigning for the position of president of the Waterloo Student Association.

Ewe's home has always been Waterloo and he has worked in the hospitality business there. After graduating from high school he found money more alluring than continuing his education. "The money looked greener than school," said Ewe.

After several years of working he decided to return to school to increase his knowledge of the industry. He worked at the Waterloo Inn part time from 1983, and continued on full-time after graduating from high school in 1987, until January 1990 when he switched jobs. During that time he worked at various jobs around the hotel from being a bus boy to front desk to bartending and maintenance. He found that he was not going anywhere and decided to return to school. He applied as a mature student and was excited at the news of being accepted into the program. "I wanted to come back

to school to increase his knowledge of the industry. He worked at the Waterloo Inn part time from 1983, and continued on full-time after graduating from high school in 1987, until January 1990 when he switched jobs. During that time he worked at various jobs around the hotel from being a bus boy to front desk to bartending and maintenance. He found that he was not going anywhere and decided to return to school. He applied as a mature student and was excited at the news of being accepted into the program. "I wanted to come back

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By Judy Willan



"Woo for you."

Rosemary Woo, 20, is a warm, friendly, energetic first-year general business student at Conestoga's Waterloo Campus who is running for the position of president in the upcoming Waterloo Student Association elections. Woo is petite but packs a lot of punch.

"There has never been a female president and I thought it was about time the women started going for the big positions," said Woo. "There is a five to one ratio of women, so why not let them run?"

She enjoys the atmosphere of the Waterloo Campus, and finds everyone gets along like one big happy family. "Everyone knows everyone," said Woo. "The teachers are really friendly and approachable. It was hard to call them by their first names. It has to do with the respect I have at the college. Three were down my back to call them Harry, Ted and Harve, not sir. One even forced me to call him by his first name."

"The counsellors, faculty, secretaries are great, always have a smile and look great," said Woo. "The college environment is fun and relaxed."

Woo says she is very approachable and not afraid to go up to someone and introduce herself. Another of her strong characteristics is her ability to accept constructive criticism. "You can learn a lot about yourself from the criticism," said Woo. "It will teach you what not to do next time and how to

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Prepare thy resume

By Judy Willan

For all graduating students, the final days are fast approaching and it is time for the job search to begin.

If graduating students do not want to be left out in the cold, they need to start early to prepare themselves for the harsh cold realities of the working world. The protective cover and warmth of college is hard to shed but it must be shed.

With the current hard economic times, we are faced with a bleak looking future. Therefore, it is even more necessary to get the jump on other graduates from other colleges in getting a job.

The first necessary step is to polish resumes until they shine – so bright they will dazzle the prospective employer into picking up the phone and calling for an interview. Then you can really work your magic.

If you have trouble polishing or don't know where to begin, or you can't write a letter to save your life, then a trip to student services is recommend for some help from the specialists there, or at least someone who can point you in the right direction. Another place to visit is the co-op placement office to see if there are any perfect jobs waiting for you.

If you think this sounds difficult, try doing it the second time round; it is even harder. Techniques and rules for writing a resume have changed, and believe me it is like starting all over again. I feel like I have never applied for a job before in my life even though this will be my millionth time. It does not get any easier.

Check and double check to make sure there is not one mistake in the resume; as soon as you get the 25 starter copies back from the printer, a misspelled word comes jumping off the page and hits you in the nose. And worst of all, you need one copy of your resume right away for the "perfect" job. Twenty-four copies get trashed and one is sent with fingers crossed in hopes the mistake is never found, while deep down you know you can kiss that job good-bye.

If by chance you did not sent the one copy, you are thankful because you just found mistake number two.

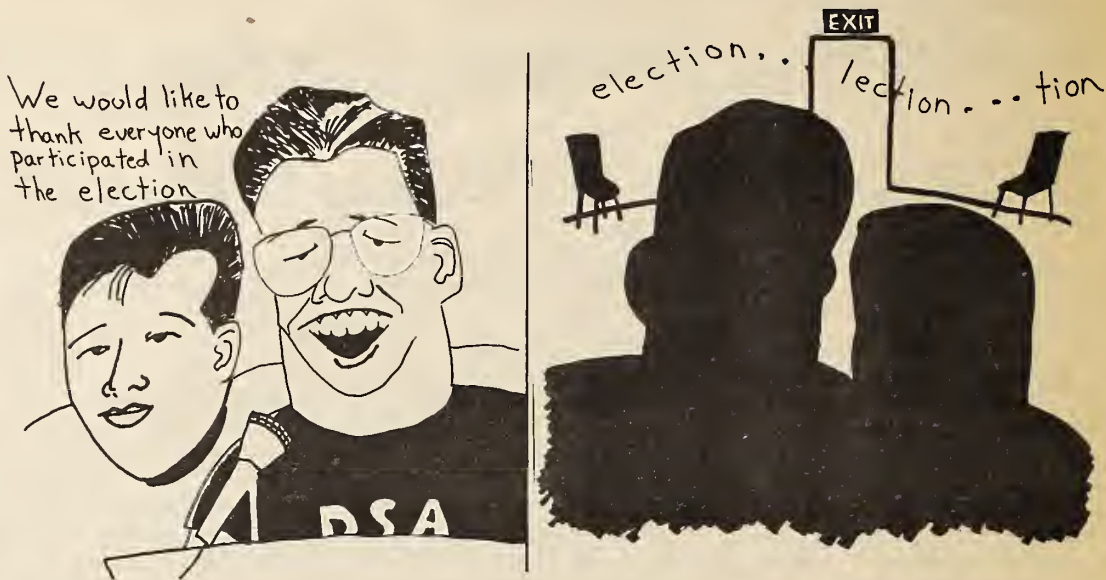
A dozen draft copies later, double, triple and qudruple checked you finally have an error-free resume. Letters are a little easier; they only take half a dozen drafts to perfect. The next big step is deciding on they type and colour of paper to have everything printed on, and the selection gets greater every day.

If you think that part was hard, it gets even worse. Combing the want ads is no easy task. At first glance, it seems no sweat. There are a lot of suitable jobs. But with closer scunity, you soon find you really are not qualified for half of them.

The search cannot be limited to the want ads. Phone books and libraries can be a welcome sight to help find names, addresses and phone numbers of potential employers. With this type of search you can dream a little and apply to any company you think you would like to work for. There is no actual job description, and you can be creative in applying your abilities to meet what you think their needs are.

Though the cold hard reality of a rejection letter knocks the wind out of your sails from time to time, keep going. You never know, dreams do sometimes come true.

OPINION



Broccoli could have saved lives

The Gulf War was this season's most successful television series. We saw a stirring view of the forces of Western democracy defeating an Eastern tyrant for the sake of a "New World Order." It was a clear case of right versus wrong and good versus evil. Kuwait sure was lucky its main product was oil and not broccoli.

According to published transcripts of talks on July 25 between April Glaspie, American ambassador to Baghdad, and Saddam Hussein, both Baghdad and Washington wanted the price of oil to rise.

The ambassador assured the Iraqi president many Americans from oil producing states wanted to see the price of oil rise to \$25 a barrel or more. She also said the US had no official interest in how the dispute between Iraq and Kuwait was resolved.

A generated oil crisis in the Persain Gulf was the only sure way to quickly drive the price up. An understanding developed between Washington and Baghdad

about the solution to these problems, a limited strike into Kuwait. It would take the disputed Ramailia oil field and the islands of Bubayan and Warbah, giving Iraq greater access to the Gulf.

This is clearly seen when Glaspie was quoted in the New York Times several weeks after Hussein invaded. "Obviously, I didn't think the Iraqis were going to take all of Kuwait," she said.

Sheif Ahmed Zaki Yamani, a former hight profile Saudi oil minister recently talked to a Western journalist about the Gulf War and the larger context it fits into.

"You know, you created someone like the Shah of Iran and you made a monster out of Iran. And then you work to destroy them. And then you created Saddam Hussein. These weapons he has were imported from the West and the technology he has was imported from the West. So you created him and now you try to destroy him. And God knows what you will do next."

—Lyn McGinnis

Women's woes still everywhere

A recent Amnesty International release stated that women are being violently attacked in every way across the globe. Most people who pay attention to the world around them read about the atrocities inflicted upon these unwilling victims. Throughout the ages, people can read about witch burnings, wife beatings, rapes, women who were tortured during the numerous wars, and so on. Women were even attacked on the job, by being paid substandard wages, and working in dangerous conditions. Even female children in developing countries are put through hell because they are not counted as part of the general population.

Why is it the attitude of human beings that women are just a commodity; that killing or beating another woman won't make a difference, they're just to bear children and cook, and besides, there's always another woman to take her place. The Montreal massacre showed us just how many people cannot comprehend

violence against women. Men are not to be blamed for all the violence against women; even women turn against their own sex. Even prostitutes don't deserve to be killed. It is pitiful to hear people say a woman got what she deserved because she picked a profession taboo in North America.

No woman deserves to be raped because she was wearing a short skirt, or a pair of shorts. Those who talk in such a manner, whether they be men or women, should walk in the shoes of the woman who did nothing but be in the wrong place at the wrong time. Perhaps if it were to be taught in all schools that women are equal to men, and violence against either sex is unthinkable, even in a school play yard, where most often violence against either sex is not stopped, the world wouldn't have to hear of another woman dying, just because she was a woman.

—Nicole Isard

Politicians are the best comedians

The examples the public has been receiving lately of those in a position of authority have been embarrassing.

In the Conservative party, Housing Minister Alan Redway recently resigned because of a silly incident. Redway caused an uproar in the security section of the Ottawa International Airport when he joked about a gun being hidden in a friend's luggage.

A Toronto Liberal MP, Jim Karygiannis, sparked a diplomatic furore in Trinidad after he accused the government of human rights abuses. Karygiannis is likely to be booted out of the Liberal caucus.

Even the NDP party has its twits. Ontario Consumer Minister Peter Kormos appeared as a Toronto SUNshine boy a day after announcing a crackdown on

sexism in advertising.

It seems that no party is exempt from the game of shame. Perhaps it is that high of gained influence that leads people to replace their rationalism with stupidity and total lack of judgement.

There is a vein of idiocy running throughout those whose brains have been inflated by the power of a government job.

It is shameful that these officials who made their first foray into beauracracy were elected from the public. We put our trust into these ninnies and make ourselves look as idiotic as them for putting our faith in them as responsible adults.

—Jodi Crawford

Conestoga College's Marjorie Komer passed away

Lyn McGinnis

Marjorie Komer, 61, a teacher at Conestoga College for 14 years, died on Saturday, March 16 in K-W Hospital, after a short battle with cancer.

She began at Conestoga in July 1978 in the technology division of the Dining room service program. Between 1981 and '84 she taught an evening course in cake decorating for the Continuous Learning department. From 1981, she worked in applied arts and business, teaching the focus for change program.

The day program is designed to prepare single parents coping with managing a family and busy school schedule. Students are referred to the program from the employment resource center.

Komer was also in charge of making the largest omelet ever made, 12,440 eggs, cooked by students of Conestoga College June 29, 1979, for the celebration of Kitchener-Waterloo's 125th birthday. The omelet was certified the largest ever by the Guinness Book of World Records.

She taught the program until a month ago, when she was told the cancer for which she had an operation in the fall had returned.

"She continued to teach every day until 2 p.m. then go to London for radiation treatments. She did that every day for five weeks," said



Marjorie Komer

her daughter Judith Tenzer.

She started chemotherapy only a week before her death. During her short stay in hospital she received visits from her students. All fifteen wrote letters and one a poem to her. At the funeral service the poem, written by Linda Steadman, was read out by her son, Dr. Bill Komer.

"She was extremely well respected and well thought of by both staff and students," said Bob McIver, Chair of Preparatory Studies. Betty Martin, college registrar is going to announce a bursary in Marjorie Komer's name to help people graduating from the focus for change course entering the regular college program.

The bursary would be awarded to students entering a certificate, apprenticeship or diploma program, as encouragement for single parents to continue their education.

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Inn or Ramada Inn where there would be the potential to be transferred. But a holiday is the first thing on the list.

He believes if things work, they should not be changed. "Why change it if it works, unless you can make it better," said Griffin. He says he will strive to be a good president both personally and professionally. "I will put the school first and apply everything so the students' best interests are fulfilled," said Griffin.

During his campaign he will be getting his ideas across to the students by distributing printouts of his ideas to the classes and seek the opportunity to speak to classes for a few minutes. He believes more advertising is needed around the campus to increase students' awareness of what is going on. Posters would be placed on doors, in hallways and in the cafeteria. "The more people see the more they are going to be thinking," said Griffin.

Other aims are to try and fill the gaps between pubs with activities and work on communication with the Doon Campus trying to co-ordinate special events. "It is better than working against each other," said Griffin.

He feels team work is the key to being effective. "If elected president of the WSA council, my intentions will be total involvement in all functions required by the WSA to participate in and will be done so on a personal and professional level," said Griffin.

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for a better education and a change of lifestyle from what I was living," said Ewe. "It is more fun going to school than being at work."

"I promised myself that I would become more involved when I came back to school. It is supposed to be the best time of your life and if you don't do anything it is boring."

Ewe has applied to be a peer helper and is running for president. "I might as well go for the whole thing. There is not that much time left that we are in school."

The experience of being president would help Ewe to put into practise many of the skills he has learned from working and from his program.

"I'm not making any promises I can't keep," said Ewe. The campaign trail is not new to him, having run for a position in high school. He is open to suggestions about anything.

He would like to see more involvement between the WSA and students bringing the two closer together and more co-ordination of activities with the Doon Student Association particularly with trips, like the Quebec Winter Carnival and spring break destinations. He would like to try running joint pubs with the DSA. In addition, he would like to see more short trips.

He has been described as caring more about others than himself. "Give me the opportunity to show you what I can do and I don't think you will be disappointed. A vote for Ewe is a vote for you."

Woo, from page 1

improve."

"My first duty would be to what the students want," said Woo. "You can't please everyone."

She feels the role of president is one of prestige and would be an asset on her resume. "It is a job that shouldn't be taken lightly," said Woo.

At Eastwood Colligate who was also a class representative with the student parliament. Her involvements didn't end there. She was on the debating team, a photographer for the yearbook, a newspaper correspondent and involved with the tennis club.

Between taking courses at the YMCA and school she works part time in a ladies retail store. "Some days it is alright, but others it piles up," said Woo. "It is just organization, time management."

Boosting school spirit is on her agenda by way of more clubs like photography and sports, music in the cafeteria, more posters and advertising, and better pubs.

She would like to see some sort of speaker system in the cafeteria to make announcements to students. Regarding the winter carnival, she said if there had been such a system, students could have been informed about the sculpture outside and encouraged to go out and support the group making it.

She would like to see continued support of the recycling program and encourage students to use the suggestion box. Woo would like to be there to make sure students get nine out of 10 things they want.

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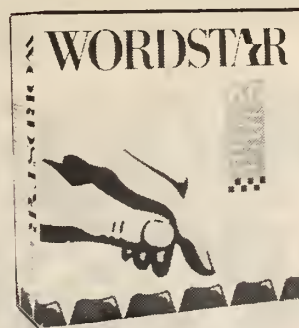
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Forum encourages student participation in OACETT

By Leah Shier

The Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technicians and Technologists (OACETT) attended Conestoga College to give students in the technology programs information on how to get involved in OACETT.

OACETT is a self-governing body in Ontario set up to maintain the highest standards in the field of engineering technology. This group which is legally recognized by the province as the only way for technicians and technologists to be certified came to Conestoga to inform students on requirements for membership into OACETT.

Individuals seeking membership into the program can come from various areas of technology such as drafting personnel, research assistants, office managers, product managers, personnel administrators, consultants as well as general technicians and tech-



Angelo Innocente addresses the OACETT forum

(Photo by Leah Shier)

nologists.

Full members in OACETT will be entitled to vote and hold office in the association. Members will also be allowed to use the title "Certified Engineering Technician" or "Certified Technologist", depending on category. This gives members the right to use the letter CET after their name. The association also offers benefits such as a life insurance plan, disability income protection plan, equity fund, and car and home insurance.

To meet the requirements for membership you must have a certain amount of training as well as two years experience in the field you would like to be certified in.

Students from several programs attended the seminar to find out if their program met the requirements for entrance into OACETT. Many students, such as the ones in civil engineering, were happy to find out that their program met all requirements. Others were not so happy as their programs failed to

meet all requirements. Students stayed after the seminar finished to find out if they were acceptable and if not what they were lacking.

Years ago all colleges in Canada met the academic standards of OACETT but things have now changed and OACETT representatives are no longer able to get involved with colleges in making the curricula acceptable to their standards. This poses a problem for many students who feel that because they have received their diploma and are now a working technician they will be acceptable to receive membership into OACETT.

"Many students just assume because they went to college they will be able to meet the requirements, and that's just not so," said Lawrence Barker, speaker and member of OACETT.

Students who are involved in a technologist or technician program do not have to become a member

of OACETT but officials from OACETT say that this competency certificate will give members an edge as they are certified and employers will know that they are well-trained and capable of handling any task.

Many students attending the seminar were interested in one day getting involved with OACETT. "It's easier to get a job, they help you with benefits, and resumes, so yeah, I'd like to join," said Mike Rourke, a student in civil engineering.

Other students had only heard about OACETT from teachers, but after the seminar felt that this might be something they would like to be involved in. "I have never really heard about this except for from my teachers but it seems like something that I might do. I really don't know," said Quang Lam, an auto maintenance student.

"Employers are demanding OACETT members and it is important for students in hard economic times. OACETT gives students more recognition," said Angelo J. Innocente, an OACETT member since 1972 who is also partner in his own engineering firm.

Because some courses are no longer suitable to OACETT, students who wish to become members will have to receive more courses. Students in certain programs will need up to five courses once they graduate as Conestoga does not offer these programs.



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JAMIE SLATER: a breath of fresh air

By Mel Taylor

After the closed-mouth policy of the Lassel administration of the Doon Student Association, and much frustration on the part of the college press, Jamie Slater may prove to be just the breath of fresh air student politics needs.

Slater, the DSA's new vice-president external, not only readily agreed to chat with a Spoke reporter, he came looking for him. The sight of a DSA executive lounging comfortably in the newspaper office, open to any and all inquiry, was a welcome change to say the least.

Despite his acclamation in the wake of a confidentiality scandal, which publicized the failing marks of disqualified candidates, Slater is confident that he can gain the support of the student body, largely by example.

"It's important to set an example. I'm going to get involved with everything," said Slater.

He feels executive members especially have a responsibility to encourage students to involve themselves in college functions. Slater's participation in Homegrown Talent Night's air-band competition is only the cutting edge of one individual's heartfelt commitment to his job.

Since his acclamation Slater has continued to perform his secretarial duties which he will bear until April 22. In addition, many of Cheryl Davenport's responsibilities have been shared among remaining DSA staff, following her resignation.

"We've all taken on her work," said Slater, adding that, after being acclaimed, he felt there was more point in concentrating on those loose ends than actively campaigning for a position he holds by default.

Slater is obviously concerned about the situation which saw several candidates dropped from the race due to failing grades.

"I think it is unfortunate. There are several ways you could look at it though," said Slater.

Certainly he agrees the electoral system was developed with the best interests of the students in mind. But, apart from any candidate's responsibility to research thoroughly the terms of candidacy, he feels these students should have been informed of those terms well before they had begun actively campaigning.

"I do indeed sympathize and I do believe it's going to cause them unnecessary embarrassment," he said, "but the students have to have a reason for acclamation."

Whatever the circumstances surrounding his arrival in office, Slater remains deeply committed to a responsible and actively supportive administration of the DSA.

"I'm still going to follow through with all the promises," he said.

It would take a jaded philistine to doubt his sincerity.

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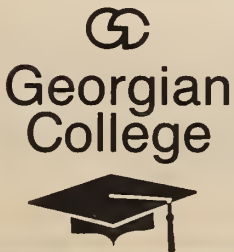
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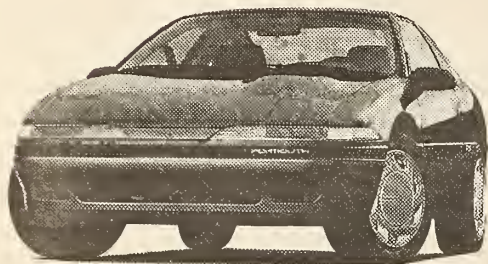
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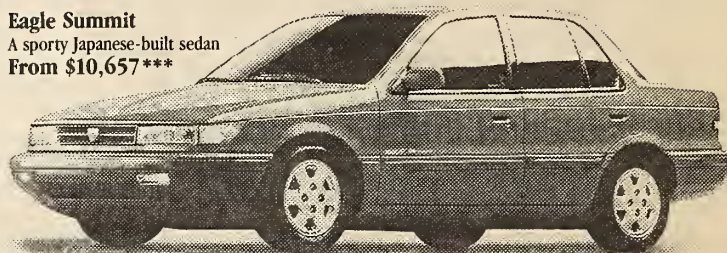
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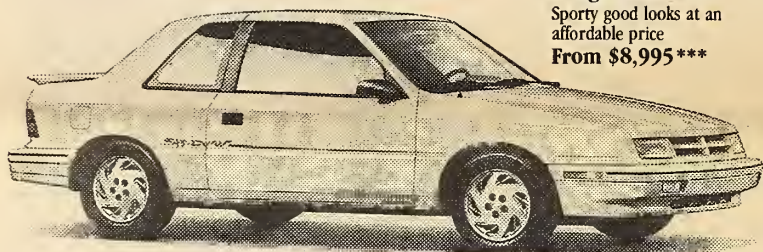
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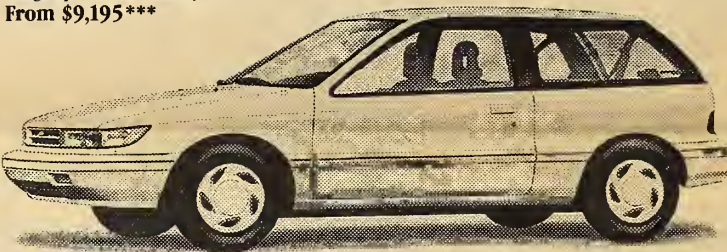
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SPORTS



Team of the week (11 March 1991)

Lasa II Leafs Hockey James McIntosh, Dan Wood, Kevin Pugh, Roger geysens, Bob Watson, Paul Clark, Mark Egersma, Brian Kempster



Team of the week (18 March 1991)

Black Balls Intramural Volleyball Back(left to right):Rebecca Kavelman, Anita Kniesel, Tracy Schumm, Muchelle Drury. Middle :Paul Berardi, Dave Zuber, Darren Ellis, Inte Khan Front : Jeffrey Nold, Robert Janzen, John Lima Missing: Connie Schumm, Martha Kavelman

Coaching positions not finalized

Joe Melo

Conestoga's varsity basketball and hockey seasons are over and a few question remain for next season, most notably the fate of the coaches.

Dan Young, the college's athletic director will be meeting with Fred Humphrey - women's basketball, Marty Kings and Dave Lack - men's basketball and Scott Long (head coach), Ron Taylor and Jeff Coulter (assistant coaches) of the hockey Condors sometime at the end of March to discuss their employment.

Only the hockey team had a winning record 9-6-1. Long has brought the team to the playoffs in the last two years. They lost in the final to Niagara in 1990 and lost in the semifinal in a heartbreaker in overtime to Penn State March 9.

This year's performance was a

bit of a surprise especially since the team had 18 rookies.

After the loss to Penn State in the semifinals, which ended a Condor five game winning streak, Long said he just wanted to go on vacation for a while and think things over when he gets back.

The main question on the ice for next year is goaltending. Marc McCallum had most of the work during the season and isn't returning. Another challenge will be a less experienced defence. Both Terry Goldsworthy and Doug McIntosh both solid and steady defencemen will be gone.

On the other hand both varsity basketball teams had disappointing seasons if you just look at their record. But if one looks at the their records in past years then this season was definately a huge improvement especially when you consider that their combined record

in the 1989-90 season was 1-33 (the lone victory belong to the men who won a game by forfeit - coach Kings doesn't count it but what the hell, it looks better than 0-34). This year both teams combined for seven victories.

The men were 2-18, while the women were 5-9 and in play-off contention.

But the men's team seems to have more hope for a better future.

Apparently two of the top-rated highschool basketball players in the region are coming to join the men's team according to Kings. Both players are over 6-foot-5 inches tall and will definately help a team especially at centre.

The teams best scorer Wayne Johnson was removed from the team just after the half-way point of the season for failing grades. But said he might try to rejoin the team next season.

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ENTERTAINMENT



Corky and the Juice Pigs up to their usual antics.
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Corky and the what?

By Jodi Crawford

Once there were three little piggies. Their wolf was normalcy and mediocrity, so they built walls of weirdness with their twisted minds to keep the big bad wolf away. And it worked better than any darned straw house.

Corky and the Juice Pigs are a bizarre comedy trio consisting of Sean Cullen, Greg Neale and Phil Nichol, all 25, who are based in Hamilton. They attended the University of Windsor where they met, and began their menage-a-trois of strangeness.

They made the expedition to Conestoga College recently to film a children's video. The story involved a poor little accordion-school chap who was ridiculed by nasties at his new rock school where he was obviously an outsider. So kiddies, is there a moral to this story?

Sean and Greg, cheese kings extraordinaire (their favorites being respectively: old imperial cheddar and Velveeta), claim to have taught acting to public school students. Unfortunately, I can't attest to the truth of that claim, or any of the rest of this story as the Juice Pigs are the greatest purveyors of fantastical fabrications in the Western World—aside from a few politicians we all know and love.

Phil (a cream cheese aficionado), a wee Scottish laddie from the dregs of Glasgow, suddenly remembered they were going to Edinburgh. He said they were visiting there for three weeks and in that time participate in the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

They began their constant prattle, bouncing ideas, remarks and witticisms off each other's brains with lightning speed, sinking me deeper into my quagmire of confusion.

The resulting story was something like they were going there to perform a Kabuki theatre version of the Three Stooges meet Bela Lagosi, or something similar to that.

We briefly returned to tangibility and the Juice Pigs said they were travelling to Australia to perform in the Melbourne comedy festival. They were to leave for the land down under on March 28 for a six-and-a-half-week stay. These guys are, seriously, quite busy, playing about 150 shows last year.

They said their favorite gig was at the University of New Brunswick. They lamented their early days of spitting-good fun. These were times when they would spit water at each other, and the crowds, making the audience participation there much more compulsory.

And now, as the excitement winds slowly down, that omnipresent question is again foremost in all our minds. Why did they call themselves Corky and the Juice Pigs?

"Well, we travelled to, ah, Afghanistan. There we discovered an ancient tablet. It had hieroglyphics on one side. O.K., and then we turned it over and it had an, uh, aspirin commercial on the other side. Yeah, that's it. And it told us to name ourselves Corky and the Juice Pigs.

But is a life of logic such a luscious thing? Such a lonely trip to lala land it's been.

Phew.
But who the heck is Corky?!

Doors: Morrison's self-destructive path

By Jodi Crawford

"Cinema has evolved in two paths

One is spectacle. Like the Phantasmagoria, its goal is the creation of a total substitute sensory world.

The other is peep show, which claims for its realm both the erotic and the untampered observance of real life, and imitates the keyhole or voyeur's window without need of color, noise, grandeur," so says Jim Morrison, the subject of Oliver Stone's most recent movie, "The Doors".

And "The Doors" film encompasses both of these directions. It is, at times, a gritty look at the self-destruction of a tormented boy, but is also a trippy, surrealistic flight of fancy.

Val Kilmer plays a swaggering, tortured Jim Morrison. Known before this film for such puerile comedies as "Top Secret" and "Real Genius", this latest role represents his ability to play more serious characters.

Pam Courson, Morrison's companion, was portrayed as the spacy doormat by an anorexic Meg Ryan.

Kyle McLachlan, of "Twin Peaks" fame, had the role of Ray Manzarek, the keyboardist of the Doors. Even Oliver Stone himself had a bit part as Morrison's film professor.

One of the best performances in the movie was the characterization of Andy Warhol by ever-so-strange Crispin Glover.

This film mainly focusses on Jim and Pam's life together, from their meeting until his death. This also happens to be the beginning of the success of the Doors to the zenith of their popularity.

Some spots in the movie, especially at the beginning, were more than a bit pretentious. Perhaps it is the cynical '90s in which we live but stopping every two seconds to read a line or two of a book and look with angst to the sky seems more than a bit comonish.

It must be admitted, though, that Morrison was a bit pretentious himself. He perpetuated and revelled in his torment and depression.

It has been theorized that those with the bane of creativity have been much more effective when depressed. Emotions are the most powerful force in creativity. Morrison seemed to attempt to push his emotions to the limit, exploring all



Jim Morrison of The Doors.

the possibilities.

Perhaps this explains why he turned to drugs. Drugs seemed to heighten Morrison's sense of morbidity to the ultimate in experience.

The film included many surrealistic scenes, possibly to involve the audience in the experience of Morrison's drug-induced haze. But all is not nostalgic, those-were-the-days lamentations. The audience was shown the consequence of his drug play and self-castigation.

Morrison seemed obsessed with self-destructive behaviour and reacted with frightening anger to others as well.

Jim was no peace, love hippie, he was a tormented, confused, depressed soul. And he was human. This film reveals what legions of worshipping fans may forget. Jim Morrison was not a god or a lizard king, and he couldn't do anything. He was just a human being.

To Morrison, to reach his ultimate success, his ultimate point of adulation, killed him.

In the end the movie was a fairly representative view of Morrison's careening flight towards self-destruction, although those who know of the Doors would realize that creative liberties have been taken.

Stone became overly sentimental in spots, especially when it came to Indian imagery. This was an important part of Morrison's life but seemed to be used to the point of redundancy and the absurd in the movie.

This film was an interesting, entertaining chronicle of the celebrated part of Jim Morrison's life. It was not the spectacular vision that one may expect of such a long-awaited movie, but it was an enjoyable foray into the experiences of an intriguing figure.

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